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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Conversation with [REDACTED]**

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1. DDTR mentioned at today's staff meeting that [REDACTED] had spoken at the DDP staff meeting. I called [REDACTED] to see if we could get together to discuss his reflections on the training of his station personnel. Because he is leaving town tomorrow there was no time for a personal talk, but I got the following tidbits on the phone:

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a) He has five CT's or former CT's working at the station. They are all effective case officers and demonstrate, [REDACTED] believes, their previous operations training. He did mention that a couple of them had been weak in intel reporting so he personally trained them and is now quite satisfied with their production.

b) He said he had experienced no problem indicating a need for additional briefing or training of wives of the junior officers, but added that he thought he was fortunate in having an unusually good group of young officers and wives.

c) [REDACTED] took the COS Seminar twice (he was once COS, JMWAVE) and said he thought it had been well worth his time on both occasions. He could suggest no changes, understanding that we do try to revise it as required.

2. Although this three or four minute conversation reveals nothing startling, it suggests to me that when we can interview returning COS's in more depth we will get some useful information. Most of them are extremely busy, of course, on their TDY's to Headquarters, but perhaps when they appear at the DDP staff meeting the DTR or DDTR could find out whether they could sit down with us for a general discussion on training and ops problems peculiar to their stations.

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